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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The invention relates to a tab for a container having a wall with a tear part for opening the container. The tab has a rigid lever part, which is connectable to the tear part and an operating part for operating the lever part. The operating part is movably connected to the lever part, such that the operating part can be moved out of the plane of the rigid lever part.

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment conforms the specification and the pending claims to customary United States practice. Original claims 1-11 have been canceled and rewritten as claims 12-22 in order to remove multiple dependencies and conform the claims to standard United States patent practice.

Examination and allowance of claims 12-22 are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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MARKED-UP VERSION OF ABSTRACT [ABSTRACT] ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The invention relates to a tab for a container [comprising] <u>having</u> a wall with a tear part for opening the container. [said tab comprising:] <u>The tab has</u> a rigid lever part, which is connectable to the tear part[;] and an operating part for operating the lever part[, which]. <u>The</u> operating part is movably connected to the lever part, such that the operating part can be moved out of the plane of the rigid lever part.